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Opening dates of forthcoming regular sessions of the General Assembly and dates of the general debate

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, the General Assembly decided to amend rule 1 of its rules of procedure to read: "The General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the Tuesday of the third week in September, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day". In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly also decided that "the general debate in the General Assembly shall open on the Tuesday following the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly and shall be held without interruption over a period of nine working days".

Opening date of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly and dates of the general debate

2. In paragraph 3 of resolution 57/301, the General Assembly further decided:

> "the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be implemented as from the fifty-eighth regular session; the fifty-eighth regular session shall therefore open on Tuesday, 16 September 2003, and the general debate shall open on Tuesday, 23 September 2003, and end on Friday, 3 October 2003; the fifty-seventh regular session shall therefore close on Monday, 15 September 2003".

Opening dates of the fifty-ninth to sixty-third regular sessions of the General Assembly and dates of the general debate

3. The following table shows the opening dates of the fifty-ninth to sixty-third regular sessions of the General Assembly and the dates of the general debate.

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Session	*Opening date*	*Dates of the general debate*
Fifty-ninth	Tuesday, 14 September 2004	Tuesday, 21 September, to Friday, 1 October 2004
Sixtieth	Tuesday, 13 September 2005	Tuesday, 20 September, to Friday, 30 September 2005
Sixty-first	Tuesday, 12 September 2006	Tuesday, 19 September, to Friday, 29 September 2006
Sixty-second	Tuesday, 18 September 2007	Tuesday, 25 September, to Friday, 5 October 2007
Sixty-third	Tuesday, 16 September 2008	Tuesday, 23 September, to Friday, 3 October 2008